***Ms. Markarian***

***Forestdale School- B321 – 5-8 Grade***

***Spanish***

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**Textbook:**

Holt McDougal, *Avancemos 1(Grades 7&8) supplemental book material at* [*www.classzone.com*](http://www.classzone.com)

Grade 7- Chapters 1-4

Grade 8- Chapters 5-8

* Students will be expected to visit my wikispace listed above to sometimes do homework assignments. I will always be available after school at least until 2:45 to use a computer lab if a student cannot gain internet access outside of the school.
* Homework assignments can be found daily on the above website. If a student is absent, he/she can retrieve the assignment from the website.
* Often students will be asked to send a voicemail, text or email a homework assignment to me as well. As learning a new language involves listening, reading, writing and speaking, all of these options for homework submission are really going to help your child use the language in real life situations.

**Assessments:** You will be graded in the following areas:

* *Class Preparedness Points 10% of quarter grade*
  + You will receive points each day for coming prepared, completing the DO NOW, following routines and participating in class. The sum will be a weekly grade. The “Bienvenida” grade is included here.
* *Classwork 30% of quarter grade*
  + Classwork is randomly collected and graded on a four point scale for completeness, accuracy and effort. (see rubric)*.*
    - *Classwork includes participating in conversations with your classmates, writing scripts for conversations, performing in mini-plays, and writing responses to videos, to name a few. This is the most heavily weighed area, so it’s extremely important to be ready to participate!*
* *Homework Points 10% of quarter grade*
  + You will receive 2 points for completing each homework assignment on time. Late or incomplete assignments will be for one point.
  + \*\*\*Sometimes homework will be voluntary. I will let you know when you have this option. Do as much of the voluntary assignments as you need to fully understand the concept from that day’s class. If you don’t do these voluntary assignments, it’s understood that you don’t need the extra practice and you will be prepared for a quiz in class the next day. ☺
  + I WILL NEVER CHASE A STUDENT FOR AN INCOMPLETE OR MISSING ASSIGNMENT. They are expected to get the assignment in to me on their own.
* *Quizzes 25% of quarter grade*
  + At the end of some lesson your learning will be assessed with a quiz. It may be speaking, written, listening or reading.
  + If you fail a quiz, you may stay afterschool for extra help and retake the quiz within two days after the quiz.
* *Tests 25% of quarter grade*
  + At the end of every unit your learning will be assessed with a test made up of multiple choice and/or short answer questions.
* *Midterm & Final 20% of final grade*
  + The Midterm is given in January and counts for 10% of your final grade for the year. It is NOT part of your 2nd quarter grade.
  + The Final is given in June and counts for 10% of your final grade. It is NOT part of your 4th quarter grade.

Please feel free to email me at the address above with any concerns or questions you may have. I check my emails at the END of each school day. This is the best way to get in touch with me. I am really very excited to be teaching your child this year!

**Homework/ Classwork Rubric:**

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| **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| * Completes assignment and meets or exceeds the expectations of the assignment. * Seeks clarification when does not understand assignment. * Reflects full understanding of topic. * Uses comments on assignments to complete future work. * Works until assignment is complete. * Puts forth best effort. * Turns in assignment on time. | * Completes assignment and meets all expectations of the assignment. * Seeks clarification when does not understand the assignment. * Reflects understanding of most of the topic. * Works until assignment is complete. * Puts forth good effort. * Turns in assignment on time. | * Assignment is incomplete and/or does not meet all expectations. * Does little to understand purpose of assignment. * Reflects understanding of some of the topic. * Stops working when difficulties arise. * Puts forth some effort. * Turns in assignment late. | * Assignment is incomplete and/ or does not meet any expectations. * Does not try to understand purpose of assignment. * Does not understand topic. * Puts forth little or no effort * Turns in assignment late. |

**Homework Points:**

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|  | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| **Homework is…** | -100% complete  -on time  -ready to be checked  -neat and legible | -less than 100% incomplete, but more than half done or  -one day late  -“missing” during homework check  -messy or illegible | -less than 50% complete  -never turned in  -crumpled or destroyed |

**Classwork Points:**

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| **Total Available Daily: 3** | **1 point** | **0 points** |
| **Preparation:** | - came on time  - brought my:  - textbook  - binder/notebook/folder  - 3 blue/black and 1 red pen  - completed homework  - came ready to work | - came late  - came without most of the following:  - textbook  - binder  - pen or pencil  - completed homework  - did not come to work |
| **Discussion, Participation &**  **Partner Work:** | -contributed to the class discussion in a positive way.  -answered questions and listened to others when they spoke.  - did not interrupt the teacher or other students.  - revised my notes based on class discussion.  -pair/shared with my partner today in a different color.  -stayed on task  - was respectful towards my partner. | - rarely participated in class  - often needed to be reminded to stay focused.  - was disrespectful.  - was disruptive.  - did not pair/share with my partner when asked.  -fooled around or talked about something off topic. |
| **Completion of Assignments:** | -completed all assignments in class today, including the DO NOW. | -did not complete any of today’s assignments. |